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and many others in the United States and around the globe!!!

[869]

The following is a QST

Killer tornadoes sweep through the southeast and ham radio is there to provide communications in the wake of the devastation.

Also, a California judge says the Part 97 rules give his court jurisdiction over ham radio on the air operations. He orders two more hams to stay off a repeater.

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SOUTHEASTERN TORNADOS

Some chilling moments from the March 27th tornado outbreak that killed more than 40 people in the Southeastern U.S. Amateur radio operators helped the public by providing Skywarn and other emergency communications. Alabama was hardest hit by the storms. Some dramatic storm spotting and damage reports were captured on tape:

"This is N4KMJ, Jack in Goshen Valley at the Goshen Methodist Church. The roof has exploded. I see one house, the top all gone. Power lines down. Vehicles wrecked. I am approaching the church more now. N4KMJ, rescue squad is on scene."

That was one of the first reports coming from the Goshen Methodist Church near Piedmont, Alabama. That's where 21 people -- including six children -- died when a tornado slammed into the church during Palm Sunday services. Skywarn nets were active across more than half the state.

"This funnel cloud is definite I mean it is real formed right now. But I can't hear any roar but there is a lot of lightning goin' on, KC4KWX."

In some areas, tornadoes strike twice.

"The tornado has touched down in the Macedona area of Raglin. Second tornado, I repeat Macendona area of Raglin second touch down."

"Roger, Roger, I copy second touch down. Will advise National Weather N4YYQ."

Reports of large hail were common.

"We're experiencing hail at the present. Probably marble sized is what it would be considered and getting larger, comin' down pretty steady."

"We had golf ball sized hail at the bridge. I probably have several dents in the car."

Hams stayed at the National Weather Service near Birmingham for nearly 10 hours.

"W4CUE, NWS looking for severe weather reports only."

Palm Sunday 1994 has a new name in Alabama: Tornado Sunday. It's a day residents in the South will never forget.

In Georgia the state's ARES net was activated Sunday afternoon following reports of the tornadoes in Alabama. Amateurs manned nets in 12 counties in the storm's expected path. Local 2 meter net reports were funneled to the Georgia ARES net on 3975 khz, with liaisons to both Alabama and South Carolina. From there spotting reports were relayed to state Red Cross Headquarters in Atlanta. Nearly a dozen repeaters were used for emergency nets.

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TORNADO HAM TRAGEDY

The tornadoes in Alabama also brought personal tragedy to Jack Blair, N4KMJ. He's the ham who made the first report you just heard in the story about damage to the Goshen Methodist Church. As Jack moved closer to the church, he learned that his daughter had been injured, and his wife was among those killed when the building collapsed. We know you join with us in wishing Jack's daughter a speedy recovery from her injuries and in offering condolences to the Blair family on their tragic loss.

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CAL STATE COURT DECLARES JURISDICTION OVER HAM RADIO

A California Superior Court judge says that state courts at least state courts in California do have jurisdiction over the on-air activities of ham radio operators. In taking this position Judge Robert Hutson has also banned two hams from using a private repeater.

Judge Hutson quoted chapter and verse from section 97.313, subpart E of the FCC rules in making his decision. A decision we reported last week to grant a petition from the Claremont Amateur Repeater Association to issue a permanent restraining order barring Anthony Cardenas, WA6IGJ, and Drew Feldman, N3KS0, from operating on the clubs repeaters or taking part in any club activity.

The latest revision of Section 97.113, subpart E of the Amateur Radio rules and regulations states in part that any radio amateur in his operations obey all federal, state and local laws. It was only after talking to Sidney Radus, N6OMS, the attorney for CLARA that the scope of the judge Hutson's decision became evident.

"The argument that the other side was making was that only a federal court had jurisdiction. That the federal government had preempted all of these areas. What he found was that since federal law applied, but state and local law also applied, then there is no preemption and the states are free to act." Radus

Radus added that it was his view that this loophole in federal regulation applies only to the on the air operation of a radio amateur in cases where his or her operation may cause harm to other hams. He doubts that it could be construed as giving states and municipalities total control over Amateur Radio operations because this appears to be the only place in Part 97 where the FCC gives any authority to other jurisdictions. Most other experts in ham radio legal issues we have spoken with seem to agree with Radus.

The restraining orders against Cardenas and Feldman came just a bit more than a month after another Orange County Superior Court judge granted the clubs request for a similat order against Tim W. Seawolf, KJ5KE.

Its reported that Feldman has announced, on the air, that he will be filing an appeal.

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LICENSE DOWNGRADES

This just in. Word that the FCC has mailed out between sixty and seventy letters to hams throughout California canceling license upgrades. This, in connection with the governments continuing probe into wide spread testing irregularities statewide. Most of the license downgrades are believed to be in Southern California and involve sessions run by a number of volunteer examiners that the government has temporarily had banned from the V.E. testing program. None of the names or call signs of those downgraded have been released by the FCC. All were given sixty dates to take a retest or face the loss of their higher license privileges. Word is that some of those who have lost their upgrades took their tests as far back as late 1991 and early 1992. That's all the information we have right now. More on the continuing California V.E. probe in future Newsline reports.

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W5YI LICENSE RENEWAL SERVICE

W5YI Report publisher Fred Maia seems to have become embroiled in another controversy not really of his own making. This one involves a mailout of his company of a renewal reminder to hams who'se licenses are about to expire. For a fee of five

dollars, Fred's company offers to handle the license renewal paperwork. This is not unlike companies that provide this kind of a support for land mobile radio, broadcast and other FCC licensees.

Fred told Newsline that he is providing the service at cost as a way to advertise. But some hams seem to view it in another light. Already there have been several messages appearing on the national packet radio network warning of what the originaters call a license renewal scam. The text of one of these postings all but says that the W5YI license renewal service is illegal. Another goes so far as to call it fraud. Others simply point out that any ham can get a form 610 from the FCC, fill it out, sign it and send it in at no cost other than postage.

Nor is the W5YI Group the only license renewal service operating. The American Radio Relay League has undertaken the same project, but only for its members only and with no fee involved. League members will receive a notice about 90 days before their license expiration date, along with an FCC Form 610 and an envelope addressed to the FCC.

In reality, the Leagues license renewal service is not free. You must be an ARRL member to use it and that membership costs thirty dollars a year. And there are also rumors that several V.E.C.'s and a number of ham radio database companies may get into the license expiration reminder and license renewal service as well. What charges will be made by these groups, if there are any, are unknown.

The bottom line is this. What Fred Maia and his W5YI group are doing is legal. License renewal services may be new to ham radio, but they have been around in other services for years. And as ham radio continues to grow at a rate of 6000 to 7000 new hams a month, there is a lucrative market developing for all kinds of products and services including license renewals. Look for more services like this one to spring up in the months and years to come.

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FREE ARRL LETTER

Another ham radio newsletter price war may be on the horizon with word that the American Radio Relay League has decided to give away its ARRL Letter free of charge. But there is a catch. The catch is that you have to be an ARRL affiliated radio club to get the truly bargain rate.

The league says that it is limiting the free distribution of the ARRL Letter to the Editors of these club newsletters. Staffers at Headquarters have already mailed out the offer of a free one year subscription to qualifying newsletter editors.

No word from W5YI Report publisher Fred Maia as to whether he

plans to match the league's free offer. The Westlink Report ham newsletter has already said that it will not.

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DAYTON SAREX

It's April and that means Spring in this part of the world. Time to get out and work on antennas, fix up the house and for thousands of hams... go to Dayton for the Hamvention.

For more than ten years, amateur radio operators have carried ham gear with them into space. They call the program SAREX, The Shuttle Amateur Radio EXperiment. More than a dozen flights have given thousands of students in schools all over the world the thrill of experiencing space close up and personally by taking part in two way conversations between kids on campus and astronauts aboard Columbia... or Endeavour... or Discovery, 200 miles above the earth, spinning along at 17 thousand miles an hour.

Teachers say this highly visible exposure has generated so much enthusiasm that several hundred youngsters have gone on to get licensed and now are members of the amateur radio fraternity.

SAREX is sponsored by the ARRL, AMSAT and NASA and is controlled by an appointed board called The SAREX Working Group. To celebrate its tenth anniversary, the Group accepted an invitation to stage a Forum at Dayton. Astronaut Tony England, WOORE, who operated Slow Scan TV and voice back in 1985, will join Command Pilot Steve Nagel, N5RAW, who flew two SAREX missions in the nineties, to tell us what it's like from an astronauts' point of view.

The Working Group itself will make a rare appearance. Rosalie White, who heads the Educational Activities Department at ARRL headquarters and works with the schools that are chosen to take part in SAREX, will team up with Frank Bauer, the AMSAT Vice President or Manned Space Flight who sets up the ground stations and telebridges that bring the astronaut signals to the classrooms. Lou McFadin, the Principal Investigator from the Johnson Space Center will demonstrate the SAREX equipment. Roy Neal, K6DUE as Chairman will introduce the players and describe our proud history.

Several SAREX pioneers are flying in for the occasion. Bill Tynan, President of AMSAT; Doug Loughmiller, a former AMSAT President; John and Karen Nickel, who helped form the SAREX team; all plan to share their experiences.

Add several teachers and some students telling what it was like for them... plus questions and answers with the audience... and you have what promises to be a major highlight, Saturday afternoon at the Dayton Hamvention this year.

I'm Roy, K6DUE, for Newsline.

The SAREX forum will take place Saturday, April 30th at the 1994 Dayton Hamvention in Dayton Ohio. We'll see you there.

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WESTLINK YOUNG HAM OF THE YEAR

A reminder from the Westlink Report ham radio newsletter that the nominating period for its annual Young Ham of the Year Award closes on Saturday April the 30th. The Westlink Report Young Ham of the Year award was conceived to honor the younger members of the Amateur Radio Community. Hams aged 18 and younger who have used Amateur Radio to significantly contribute to the benefit of the service, to their community or the nation are eligible.

With corporate underwriting from Yaesu USA, the 1994 winner will receive a trip to the Sea Pac convention, a piece of ham radio equipment and a special plaque denoting his or her accomplishments.

All nominations must be submitted on an official application available for a self addressed stamped envelope to the Westlink Report Young Ham of the Year, 28197 Robin Avenue, Saugus, CA 91350. The winner will be announced in early May.

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Mc Gan Award

Nominations are solicited for the 3rd Annual Philip J. McGan Memorial Silver Antenna Award for volunteer public relations efforts on behalf of Amateur Radio. Nominees must be full ARRL members in good standing and not be an officer, Director, Vice Director, or paid ARRL staff member. Nominations are due by May 31, 1994, and must be made on official nominating forms, which are available from ARRL HQ, 225 Main Street, Newington Ct. 06111.

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BLANCHARD OBITUARY

Finally, last week, Newsline brought you the touching story of Frank Blanchard, AA4LB, in Birmingham, Alabama. Frank received a special honor in mid-March from fellow members of the Birmingham Amateur Radio Club. He was named this year's recipient of the Club's annual Citizenship Award. Due to a critical illness, Frank received his plaque early, during a special surprise visit to his hospital room. It was a very emotional presentation and one that won't be forgotten. We're saddened to tell you that on March 30th barely two weeks after receiving his award, Frank lost his battle with cancer. Frank Blanchard, appreciated for all the ways he found to help others,

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9G, GHANA. The DX NewsLetter (DXNL) reports that Peter, ex XT2BW, is now active as 9G1PW. He was heard on the Ohio/Penn DX Network, April 4th, on 21297 kHz at 1428z. He left XT-land at the end of January and

is supposedly to be in Ghana (on vacation with his family) for 2 to 3 months. QSL via WB2YQH after his return.

9N, NEPAL. The DXNL reports that Marlo, IK3HAQ is trying to become active from Nepal from April 6-24. No other details were given.

9X, RWANDA. After announcing his extended stay until the end of May, Paul, F6EXV, who is active as 9X5DX, may be coming home sooner than expected. According to the news wires, foreigners began fleeing the country Friday, April 8th. French paratroopers landed at the airport in Kigali, and a massive evacuation has begun with some 600 French and other foreigners leaving Rwanda. Paul has not been heard since April 4th on the Ohio/Penn DX Cluster Network. Everyone is hoping that Paul is well.

CY9, ST. PAUL ISLAND. Plans are in the works for a July 1-7 operation. The operators will be KW2P, WA4DAN, AA4VK, N0TG and possibly W0RJU. This is the same group that was active from KP1 and KP5 in 1992/1993. The group has landing permission and arrangements for the boat has been made. More details will be announced later.

HV, VATICAN. It has been reported that Bob, N2EDF, will be active from HV4NAC, April 14-19. There was no specific bands or frequencies or QSL route mentioned.

JY, JORAN. Ibrahim, JY5IN, sometimes shows up on a DX Net on 14243 khz around 0615z or on 14247 kHz around 2230z.

OH0, ALAND ISLAND. It looks like there will be plenty of activity during the month of April. Pete, OH3MEP, states he will be active as OH0MEP for one week beginning April 16th. Also, around the same time, begin looking for OH0NLP, OH0LQK, OH0LIU, OH0LYA and OH0KAG. Some of the stations will be active on all bands, RTTY and the satellite.

PACIFIC DXPEDITIONS. Ron, ZL1AMO, will be active sometime next week as 3D2RW. He has other plans which are not complete as of yet, but there are good possibilities that Ron will be active from C21, T28RW and ZK3. He is especially interested in a trip to T30 (because he has never been there).

V4, NEVIS AND VP2E, ANGUILLA. NODXA members (Jack/KB8WC and Scott/K080) and some users of the Ohio/Penn DX Cluster Network will be on their annual Spring Caribbean DXpedition, starting April 18th, signing VP2EOH. QSL via K8BL.

On Thursday, April 21st, Jack and Scott, will fly to Nevis and operate as V47WC on SSB, and V47RS on CW. QSL V47WC via KB8WC and V47RS via K080. They will return home on April 27th, so that they will recover in time for the Dayton HamVention.

VP8, ANTARCTICA. Gavin, VP8GAV, continues to be active from the British Antarctic base of Rothera. He has been heard between 3500 and 3506 kHz around 0515z; and again between 1015 and 1100z. He also shows up on 20 meter CW or SSB, starting around 0030z on 14017 or 14245 kHz. QSL via GM0LVI.

OH YEA! DID YOU HEAR ANYTHING ABOUT THE CARDS FOR?

3Y0PI CARDS. Peter, ON6TT, (one of the operators) released the following statement on April 7th: "The 3Y-cards are in print as of today. They will be finished by the end of April. Once we receive the cards from the Belgium printer, they will be sent to the states. Expect the cards to come out as of May." Also QSL Manager Jerry, AA6BB, has stated that the labels are now 75% completed from the logs.

FS/W2QM CARDS. Dave, W2QM, states, that cards for his 1993, Decemeber 1-8, operation have started going out in the mail. All should be out in a few weeks.

KG4CI AND KGWP CARDS. QSL cards for this KG4 operation between February 24th and March 2nd by Nellie/XE1CI and Dave/WQ5Y should have been shipped from the printer and should be in the hands of Dave (as of April 7th). Since each operator will be responsible for his/her QSLing, half of the shipment of cards will be sent to Nellie in Mexico City. Just a reminder, QSL KG4WP to WQ5Y and KG4CI to XE1CI. Do not QSL to the KG4 Bureau.

VQ9TV QSL MANAGER CHANGE. Mike, WD0GML, informed OPDX that Floyd Gerald, N5FG, is the new QSL manager for Bill Rowe, VQ9TV. Floyd has all of Bill's logs and can respond to all QSL requests for VQ9TV. QSLs can be sent to: Floyd Gerald, 4706 Washington Ave., Gulfport, MS. 39507.

FAX YOUR DX INFORMATION NOW! Faxing is available Monday/Wednesday/Friday from 0430 to 2330z only. The number is 216-237-8208 and the FAX card is sharing the same phone line as BARF-80 BBS using a data/fax/phone switch.

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gilbaronw0mn@delphi.com (Gilbert Baron) writes:

>Please explain why crossposting does not use more bandwidth. Inquiring minds
>would like to know. 10k x 2 lists is 20k of data.

Because the article is but one, with a reference to all the other groups
that may have interest in it. 10k x 1 newsgroup with 3 other newsgroups
referenced is still just 10k of bandwidth (but perhaps 40k or 4 repeats of
the article presented to the newsreader bandwidth if your newsreader is borken
and has no concept of cross-posting, even the first newsreader packaged with B
news didn't have this bug. A newsreader typically can be configured to present
this one article in the first group in the list, or in the first group you
read that has this article cross-posted in the list).

The Newsgroups line on the *one* article is:

Newsgroups: rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.info,news.answers,rec.answers

>>The exception is when someone has a feed that gets one of the groups and
>>not the other. Then I agree, he might have a valid point if he says
>>that it is a waste of bandwidth _on that link_.

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>Huhhhhhhhhhh if it gets only one then you have less data going across. It
>jsut does not make sense to me.

Not a problem, but what he means is that the article will be fed as *one*
article if any *one* of the newsgroups is in your feed list. If the idea is
to eliminate the article from the feed, then one would put in:

...,!rec.radio.info,rec.radio.amateur.misc,...

which would remove all rec.radio.info articles, *including* the one cross
posted to rec.radio.amateur.misc.

Do not confuse cross-posting with multiple posting, multiple posting being
the most evil act a USENET user can perform, the antichrist of USENET so
to speak ... :-)

Ciao, 73 de VE6MGS/Mark -sk-

You owe the Oracle a full feed.

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The Inuvik Amateur Radio Club would like to thank everyone who made our expedition to Hendrickson Island, Northwest Territories a success. We would especially like to thank all the operators for their patience under very poor band conditions and the relative inexperience of the expedition members in dealing with such large pileups.

The expedition departed Inuvik Friday morning as planned, travelling in three vehicles over the "ice road". The road stretches 200km over the Mackenzie River and the Beaufort Sea ice from Inuvik in the Mackenzie River Delta to the community of Tuktoyaktuk on the Arctic coast. This road passes within 15km of Hendrickson Island at which point the equipment was loaded into a sled and pulled by snowmobile across the sea ice to the island in two trips. Within an hour of arrival a 20m dipole was erected and the first station went on the air using solar panels and batteries. Over the next several hours antennas for the other bands were erected, including the homebrew vertical at 50ft. that was used for the bulk of the contacts on 20 meters.

Propagation was very poor for the duration but steady contacts were being made and at one point 20m, 40m and 80m were all open and being worked by the members. In all only 300 contacts were made over the 24 hour duration of the expedition but considering the band conditions at the time that is more than was expected. The island group is now officially North America 192, Inuvik Region West.

Please QSL via VE8NC. Cards are being printed this week and should be ready for distribution before the end of the month. Due to the poor conditions, anyone who is unsure if they made a good contact are invited to send a note via internet to ve8ev@inukshuk.gov.nt.ca and I would be happy to reply as to whether or not they appear in the log.

73

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VE8NC David Musselwhite
VE8GC George "Red" Cheyney

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